Dewan's reply.—The Muzarayi Superintendent who is to be appointed will see to this.

KOLAR DISTRICT.

Subject No. 210.

Railway bridge across North Pennar near Goribidnur should be broad enough for common as well as Railway traffic.

Summary of discussion.—A bridge across the Northern Pennar near Goribidnur is about to be constructed in connection with the Bangalore-Hindupur Railway line. It is requested that in carrying out the above work, arrangements may be made to have the bridge made wide enough to provide passage for carts alongside of the Railway line, as in the case of the Maddur bridge on the Bangalore-Mysore line.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. The idea is a good one.

Subject No. 211.

Good bulls for breeding purposes.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that good bulls may be supplied by Government for breeding purposes.

Dewan's reply.—Steps are on foot towards this end.

Subject No. 212.

Land for Goribidnur Town extension.

Summary of discussion.—Some land is required for extension of the Town of Goribidnur.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will take the needful steps if applied to.

Subject No. 213.

Price and selling places of arrack.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that with a view to check drinking, the retail price of arrack may be raised from Rs. 5—5—0 per gallon to Rs. 5—8—0 or Rs. 6—0—0 the relative distances of the shops increased so that they may be more than 3 miles apart.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestion is good. The subject is engaging the consideration of Government.

Subject No. 214.

Required free grazing. No hulbanni.

Summary of discussion.—No gomal has been assigned to some of the villages for want of Government unassessed waste lands therein. The cattle of those villages consequently suffer much from want of fodder. It is requested that the system of levying a rent on hulbanni may be abolished and free grazing everywhere allowed to raiyats' cattle.

Mr. Rangaiengar (R. M. from Heggaddevankote Taluk, Mysore District) also subsequently spoke to the same effect, saying that the hulbanni restrictions led to a great many quarrels among villagers and that it would be better to abolish it altogether. A Native Government can afford to be charitable to village cattle.

Dewan's reply.—This is impracticable.

Subject No. 215.

High assessment on wet lands below small tanks in Bowringpet Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Lands on which a double crop can be raised in consequence of the abundant irrigation they receive from tanks fed by the Palar river have been assessed at Rs. 6 per acre at the Survey Settlement. The same rate has been imposed upon the lands dependent on small tanks the supply in which is insufficient even for a single crop. This

has proved prejudicial to the interests of many raiyats and will also cause loss to Government by much land being thrown up. A revision of the rates is therefore requested.

Dewan's reply.—The rates have been fixed after careful classification of the lands and consideration of the nature of the irrigation commanded by them and of other local circumstances. The effect of the settlement will be watched with interest.

Subject No. 216.

Octroi on piece goods should be levied in villages also.

Summary of discussion.—Octroi duty is levied on piece goods in Municipal towns, while cloths sold in the outlying villages of Taluks are exempt from duty. This exemption causes loss to the Municipalities concerned. It is requested that the levy of the duty may be extended to outlying villages also.

Dewan's reply.—This cannot be helped. Octroi may be levied only within Municipal limits.

Subject No. 217.

Grazing rights on land granted for Gold Mining purposes.

Summary of discussion.—Under the verbal orders of the late Dewan, raiyats were allowed to graze their cattle on the lands leased out for Gold Mining purposes in the Bowringpet Taluk. The enjoyment of this privilege has been interfered with in the current year by the Gold Mining Companies. It is requested that the privilege may be continued as heretofore.

Dewan's reply.—The lands belong to the Gold Miners to whom they have been granted. The grass thereon belongs to them also, they are expected to have compensated the villagers for interference with existing grazing rights if any.

Subject No. 218.

Drinking water-supply for Bowringpet Town.

Summary of discussion.—Much difficulty is experienced in respect of drinking water at Bowringpet, and the excavation of wells will not meet this want, as no springs of sweet water can be tapped. The Doddakere attached to the town is the chief source of drinking water to the towns people. It has a revenue of Rs. 200, of which Rs. 100 is derived from wet and the rest from garden lands. The discontinuance of wet cultivation under the tank is necessary for the proper supply of water to the people all round the year as the present supply lasts only 7 months.

Dewan's reply.—Represent to Deputy Commissioner who will report to Government if necessary.

Subject No. 219.

Tolls on traffic to and from the Gold Mines.

Summary of discussion.—A large number of loaded carts are passing daily on the Betamangala road on account of the extensive traffic between the Railway Station and the Gold Fields. It is recommended that a toll may be levied on the carts for the benefit of the Municipality which will derive from this source an income of Rs. 20 or 30 per diem.